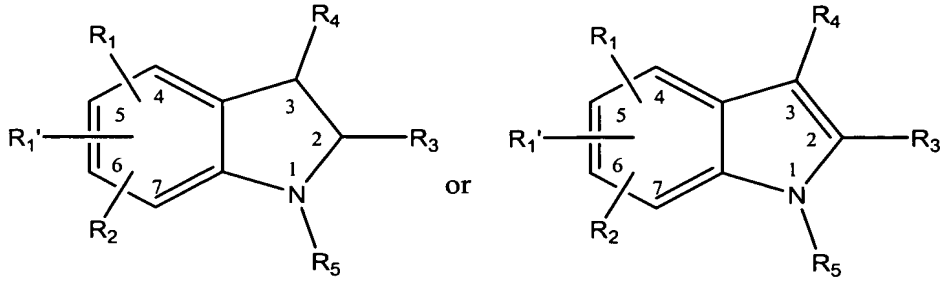
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

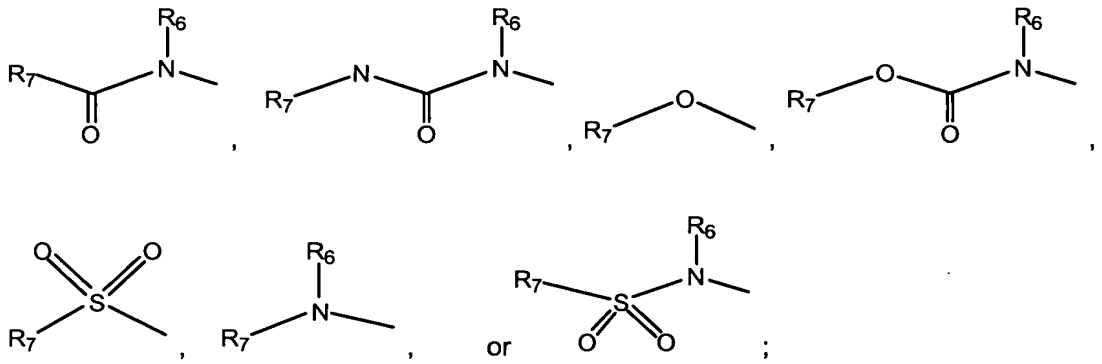
1 (Currently Amended): A compound of the formulae:



wherein:

R_1 and $R_{1'}$ are independently selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, $-S-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-HN(C_1-C_6)$, $-N(C_1-C_6)_2$, phenyl, -O-phenyl, -S-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, -S-benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$, or -OH;

or a moiety of the formulae:



R_6 is selected from H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-C(O)CH_3$, phenyl, -O-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$, or -OH;

R_7 is selected from $-(CH_2)_n-COOH$, $-(CH_2)_n-N-(C_1-C_6\ alkyl)_2$, $-(CH_2)_n-NH-(C_1-C_6\ alkyl)$, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NH-(C_1-C_6\ alkyl)$, $-N-(C_1-C_6\ alkyl)_2$, pyridinyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, quinolyl, $(CH_2)_n$phenyl, phenyl,-O-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, adamantyl, ~~or morpholinyl,~~ $-(CH_2)_n$-phenyl-O-phenyl, $-(CH_2)_n$-phenyl-CH_2-phenyl, $-(CH_2)_n$-O-phenyl-CH_2-phenyl, and $-(CH_2)_n$-phenyl-$(O-CH_2-phenyl)_2$, the rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NH_2$, $-NO_2$, $-CF_3$,CO_2H, or -OH;

R_2 is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CHO, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NH-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-N(C_1-C_6\ alkyl)_2$, $-N-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, or $-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl;

R_3 is selected from H, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-C_3-C_{10}$ cycloalkyl, -CHO, halogen, and $(CH_2)_nC(O)NH_2$ ~~or a moiety of the formula $-L^1-M^1$;~~

~~L^1 indicates a linking or bridging group of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n-$, -S-, -O-,~~

~~$-C(O)-$, $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-$, $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n-O-(CH_2)_n-$, or $-(CH_2)_n-S-(CH_2)_n-$, $C(O)C(O)X$, $-(CH_2)_n-N-(CH_2)_n-$;~~

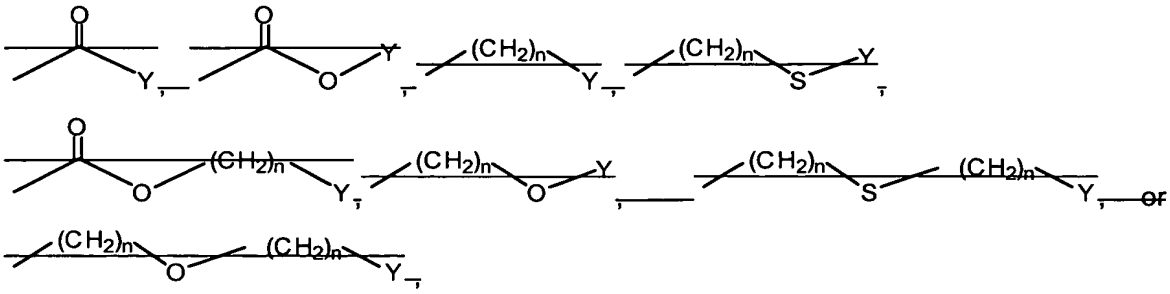
~~M^1 is selected from the group consisting of:~~

~~a) H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl, and benzyl, the cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl rings being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, and $-CF_3$, with the proviso that M^1 cannot be H when L^1 is -O-;~~

~~b) a bicyclic ring moiety containing from 8 to 10 ring atoms and optionally containing from 1 to 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the bicyclic ring moiety being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CHO, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$ or -OH;~~

R_4 is selected from the group of C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, -$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-S-$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-O-$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, and ~~or the groups of:~~

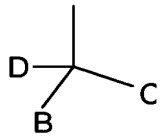
~~a) -$(CH_2)_n$-phenyl-O-phenyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-phenyl-CH_2-phenyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-O-phenyl-CH_2-phenyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-phenyl-(O-CH_2-phenyl)$_2$, or a moiety of the formulae:~~



~~wherein n is independently selected in each appearance as an integer from 0 to 3, Y is C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, napthyl, pyridinyl, quinolyl, furyl, thienyl or pyrrolyl; rings of these~~

~~groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from H, halogen, -CF_3, -OH, -C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, -NH_2, -NO_2 or a five membered heterocyclic ring containing one heteroatom selected from N, S, or O; or~~

~~b)~~ a moiety of the formulae -$(CH_2)_n$-A, -$(CH_2)_n$-S-A, or -$(CH_2)_n$-O-A, wherein A is the moiety:

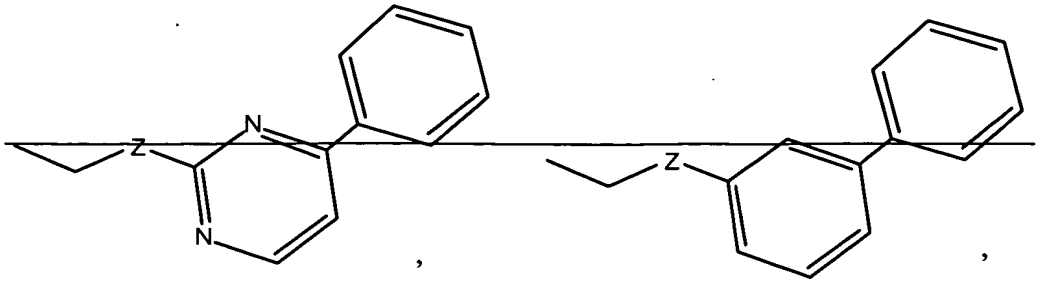


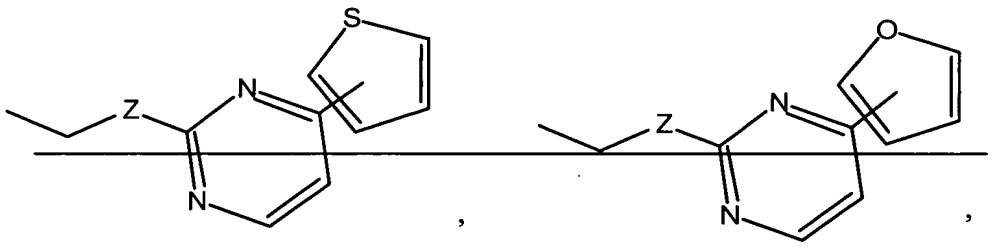
wherein

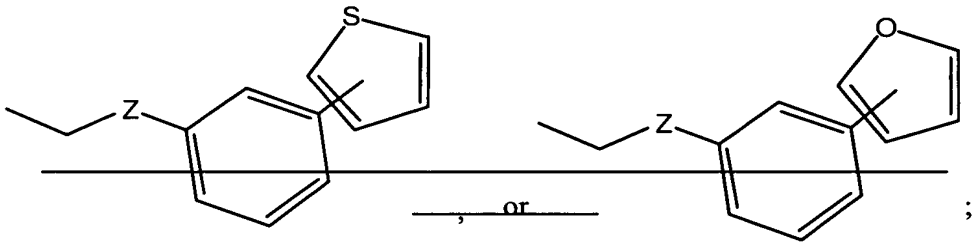
D is H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or -CF_3;

B and C are ~~independently selected from~~ phenyl~~, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrrolyl groups, each~~ optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, -CF_3, -OH, -C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or -NO_2;~~ or~~

~~c) a moiety of the formulae:~~







~~wherein Z is O or S and the phenyl and pyrimidinyl rings of each moiety are optionally and independently substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NH_2$, or $-NO_2$; or~~

~~d) a moiety of the formula $-L^2-M^2$, wherein:~~

~~L^2 indicates a linking or bridging group of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n-$, -S-, -O-, $-SO_2-$, -C(O)-, $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-$, $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n-O-(CH_2)_n-$, or $-(CH_2)_n-S-(CH_2)_n-$, -C(O)C(O)X;~~
~~where X = O, N~~

~~M^2 is selected from the group of C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl rings being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, or $-CF_3$; or~~

~~i) a five-membered heterocyclic ring containing one or two ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the five-membered heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, or $-CF_3$; or~~

~~ii) a six-membered heterocyclic ring containing one, two or three ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the six-membered heterocyclic ring being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CHO, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$ or -OH; or~~

~~iii) a bicyclic ring moiety containing from 8 to 10 ring atoms and optionally containing from 1 to 3 ring heteroatoms selected from N, S or O, the bicyclic ring moiety being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CHO, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$ or -OH;~~

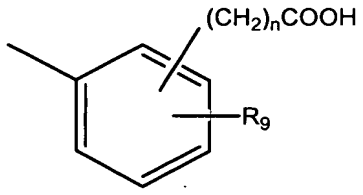
n is an integer from 0 to 3;

R_5 is a moiety selected from the formulae $-L^3$-M^3

wherein L^3 is a bridging or linking moiety selected from a chemical bond, $-(CH_2)_n$-, -S-, -O-, $-SO_2$-, -C(O)-, $-(CH_2)_n$-C(O)-, $-(CH_2)_n$-C(O)-$(CH_2)_n$-, $-(CH_2)_n$-O-$(CH_2)_n$-,$-(CH_2)_n$-S-$(CH_2)_n$-, -C(Z)-N(R_6)-, -C(Z)-N(R_6)-$(CH_2)_n$-, -C(O)-C(Z)-N(R_6)-, -C(O)-C(Z)-N(R_6)-$(CH_2)_n$-, -C(Z)-NH-SO_2-, -C(Z)-NH-SO_2-$(CH_2)_n$-, $-(CH_2)_n$-S-$(CH_2)_n$-, $-(CH_2)_n$-SO-$(CH_2)_n$-, $-(CH_2)_n$-SO_2-$(CH_2)_n$-, or $-(CH_2)_n$-CH=CH-$(CH_2)_n$-O-;

Z is O or S;

M^3 is



and n is an integer from 0 to 3;

R_9 is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, -COOH, $-(CH_2)_n$-COOH, $-(CH_2)_n$-C(O)-COOH, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, -O-C_1-C_6 alkyl, -NH(C_1-C_6 alkyl), or -N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_2$;

n is an integer from 0 to 3;

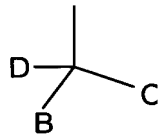
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 wherein:

~~R_1 and R_4 are independently selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_{10} alkyl, -S-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -HN(C_1-C_6), -N(C_1-C_6)$_2$, phenyl, -O-phenyl, -S-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, or -S-benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$, or -OH;~~

~~M^1 is selected from: H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl, the cycloalkyl, phenyl and benzyl rings being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, and $-CF_3$, with the proviso that M^1 cannot be H when L^1 is -O-;~~

R_4 is a moiety of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n$-A, $-(CH_2)_n$-S-A, or $-(CH_2)_n$-O-A, wherein A is the moiety:

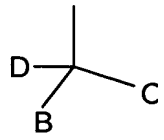


wherein

D is H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or $-CF_3$;

B and C are ~~independently selected from~~ phenyl, ~~pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrrolyl groups, each~~ optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or $-NO_2$;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3 (Previously Amended): A compound of claim 2 wherein R_4 is the moiety:

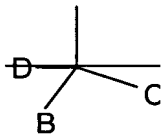


B and C are phenyl optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from H, halogen, -CF_3, -OH, -C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or –NO_2; and R_1, $R_{1'}$, R_2, R_3, R_5, L^1, M^1 and D are as defined in claim 2; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 wherein:

~~R_4 is selected from the group of C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, -$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-S-$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, -$(CH_2)_n$-O-$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, or the groups of:~~

~~a) a moiety of the formulae -$(CH_2)_n$-A, -$(CH_2)_n$-S-A, or -$(CH_2)_n$-O-A, wherein A is the moiety:~~



~~wherein~~

D is ~~H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or -CF_3~~;

B and C are ~~independently selected from~~ phenyl~~, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrrolyl groups, each optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, -CF_3, -OH, -C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or -NO_2; or~~

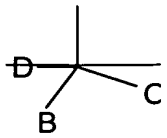
~~b) a moiety of the formula -L^2-M^2, wherein L^2 and M^2 are as defined in claim 1;~~

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 wherein:

$R_{1'}$ is H;

~~R_4 is selected from the group of C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, $-(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_n$-S-$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_n$-O-$(CH_2)_n$-C_3-C_5 cycloalkyl, or a moiety of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n$-A, $-(CH_2)_n$-S-A, or $-(CH_2)_n$-O-A, wherein A is the moiety:~~



~~wherein~~

~~D is H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or $-CF_3$;~~

~~B and C are independently selected from phenyl, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrrolyl groups, each optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or $-NO_2$;~~

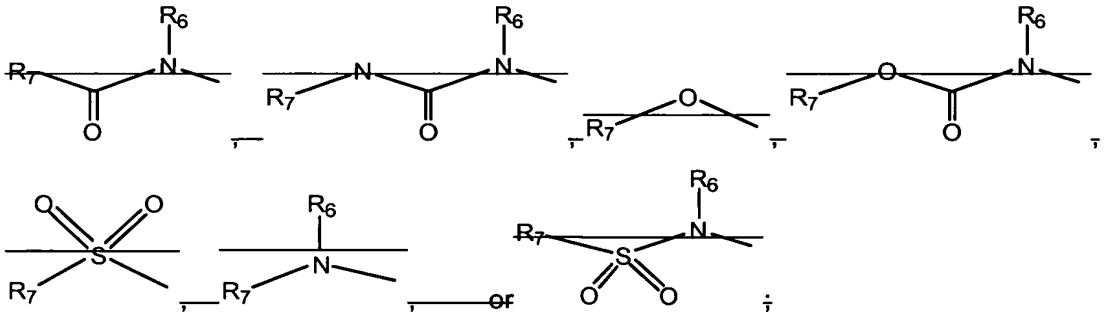
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 wherein:

R_1 is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_{10} alkyl, -S-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-HN(C_1$-$C_6)$, $-N(C_1$-$C_6)_2$, phenyl, -O-phenyl, -S-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, -S-benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$, or -OH;

~~or R_1 and R_1 are independently a moiety of the formulae:~~

~~or a moiety of the formulae:~~



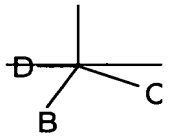
~~R_6 and R_7 are as defined in claim 1;~~

~~R_3 is selected from H, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, $-C_3$-C_{10} cycloalkyl, -CHO, halogen, $(CH_2)_nC(O)NH_2$ or a moiety of the formula $-L^4$-M^4;~~

~~L^4 indicates a linking or bridging group of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n-$, $-C(O)-$, $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-$, $-(CH_2)_n-C(O)-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n-O-(CH_2)_n-$, or $-(CH_2)_n-S-(CH_2)_n-$, $C(O)C(O)X$, $-(CH_2)_n-N-(CH_2)_n$;~~

~~M^4 is selected from H, the group of C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, the cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl rings being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, or $-CF_3$;~~

~~R_4 is selected from the group of C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, $-(CH_2)_n-C_3$-C_6 cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_n-S-(CH_2)_n-C_3$-C_5 cycloalkyl, $-(CH_2)_n-O-(CH_2)_n-C_3$-C_5 cycloalkyl, or a moiety of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-(CH_2)_n-S-A$, or $-(CH_2)_n-O-A$, wherein A is the moiety:~~



~~wherein~~

~~D is H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or $-CF_3$;~~

~~B and C are independently selected from phenyl, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrrolyl groups, each optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or $-NO_2$;~~

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 wherein:

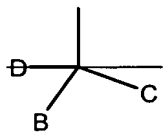
R_7 is selected from -OH, $-CF_3$, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, -NH-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -N-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)$_2$, pyridinyl, thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, phenyl, -O-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, the rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-CF_3$, or -OH;

~~R_3 is selected from H, $-C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)$-OH, $(CH_2)_nC(O)NH_2$, $-CH_2-O-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-CH_2-O-CH_2$-phenyl, $-CH_2-N-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), $-CH_2-N-CH_2$-phenyl, the phenyl rings of which are optionally substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$ or $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl;~~

~~X is O or N~~

~~n = 0 or 1;~~

~~R_4 is a moiety of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n-A$, $-(CH_2)_n-S-A$, or $-(CH_2)_n-O-A$, wherein A is the moiety:~~

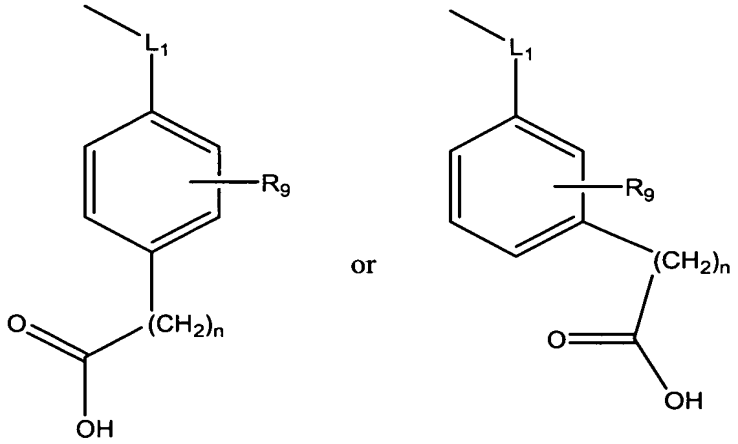


~~wherein~~

~~D is H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or $-CF_3$;~~

~~B and C are independently selected from phenyl, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl or pyrrolyl groups, each optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or $-NO_2$;~~

R_5 is a moiety selected from the groups of:



wherein L^1 is a bridging or linking moiety selected from a chemical bond, $-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-C(O)-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-O-(CH_2)_{n'}-$,$-(CH_2)_{n'}-S-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-SO-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-SO_2-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, ~~or~~ and $-(CH_2)_{n'}-CH=CH-(CH_2)_{n'}-O-$;

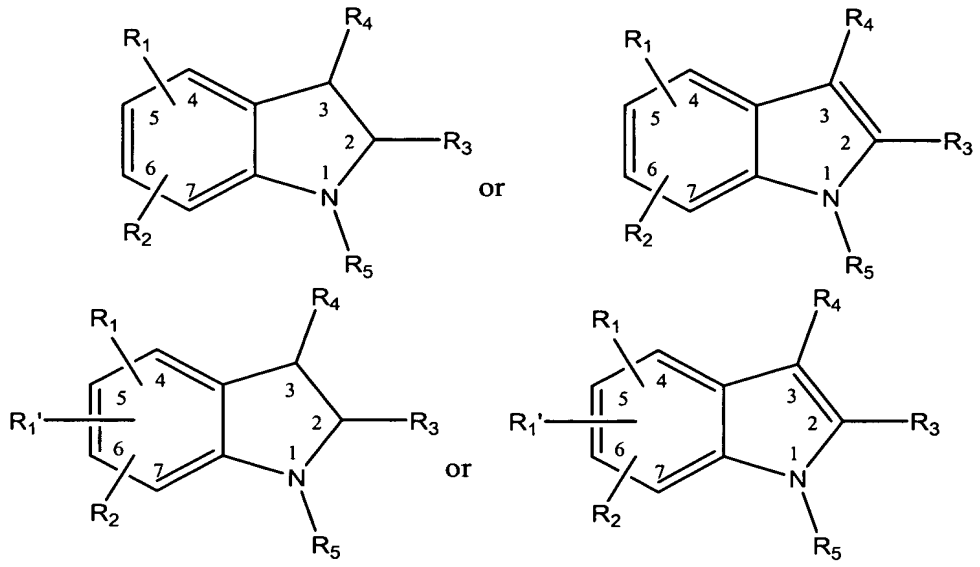
where n' is an integer from 0 to ~~5~~3;

R_9 is selected from $-CF_3$, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NH(C_1$-C_6 alkyl), ~~or~~ and $-N(C_1$-C_6 alkyl$)_2$,

n in each instance is independently selected as an integer from 0 to 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 having the formulae:



wherein:

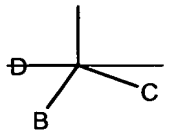
R_1 is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_{10} alkyl, -S-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-HN(C_1$-$C_6)$, $-N(C_1$-$C_6)_2$, phenyl, -O-phenyl, -S-phenyl, benzyl, -O-benzyl, and -S-benzyl, the phenyl and benzyl rings of these groups being optionally substituted by from 1 to 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, -CN, $-CF_3$, ~~or~~ and -OH;

R_2, R_3 and R_4 are as defined in claim 1 ~~is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, $-C_1$-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_{10} alkoxy, -CHO, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NH$-C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-N(C_1$-C_6 alkyl$)_2$, $-N$-SO_2-C_1-C_6 alkyl, or $-SO_2$-C_1-C_6 alkyl~~;

~~R_3 is selected from H, $-C_1$-C_{10} alkyl, $-(CH_2)$-OH, $-(CH_2)_nC(O)NH_2$, $-CH_2$-O-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), $-CH_2$-O-CH_2-phenyl, $-CH_2$-N-(C_1-C_6 alkyl), $-CH_2$-N-CH_2-phenyl, the phenyl rings of which are optionally substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$ or $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl;~~

~~n = 0 or 1.~~

~~R_4 is a moiety of the formulae $-(CH_2)_n$-A, $-(CH_2)_n$-S-A, or $-(CH_2)_n$-O-A, wherein A is the moiety:~~

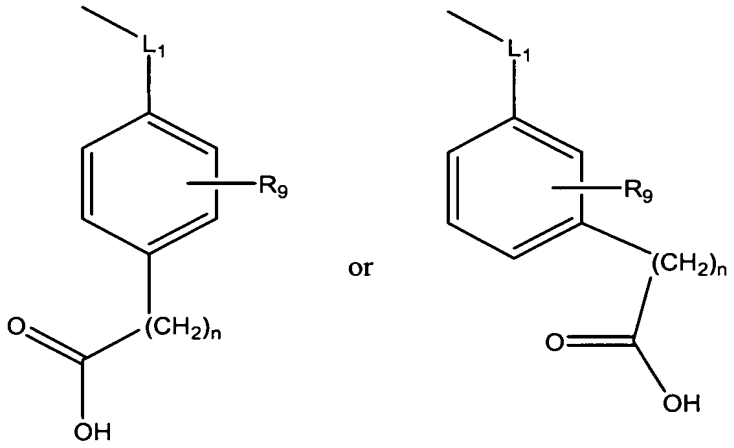


~~wherein~~

~~D is H, C_1-C_6 lower alkyl, C_1-C_6 lower alkoxy, or $-CF_3$;~~

~~B and C are independently selected from phenyl, pyridinyl, furyl, thienyl or pyrrolyl groups, each optionally substituted by from 1 to 3, substituents selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, $-OH$, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or $-NO_2$;~~

R_5 is a moiety selected from the groups of:



wherein L^1 is a bridging or linking moiety selected from a chemical bond, $-(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n$-C(O)-$(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n$-O-$(CH_2)_n-$,$-(CH_2)_n$-S-$(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n$-SO-$(CH_2)_n-$, $-(CH_2)_n$-SO_2-$(CH_2)_n-$, or $-(CH_2)_n$-CH=CH-$(CH_2)_n$-O-;

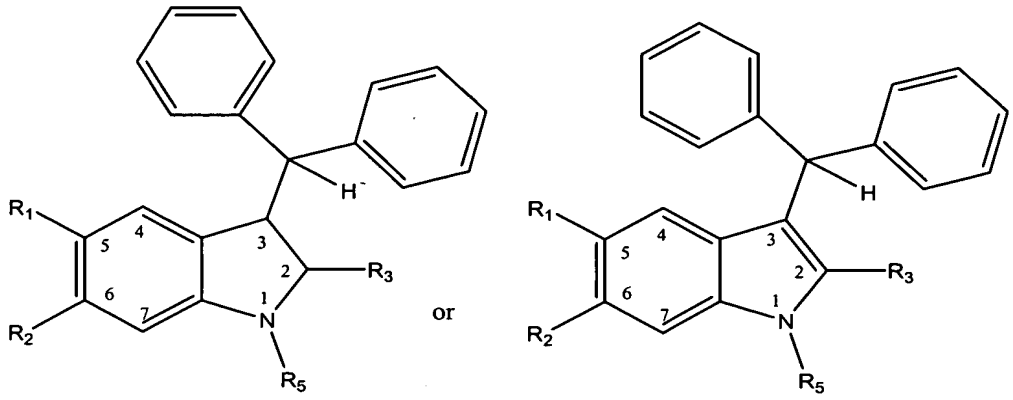
~~where n = 0-5~~

R_9 is selected from $-CF_3$, $-C_1$-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, $-NH(C_1$-C_6 alkyl), or $-N(C_1$-C_6 alkyl)$_2$,

n in each instance is independently selected as an integer from 0 to 3,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9 (Currently Amended): A compound of Claim 1 having the formulae:



wherein:

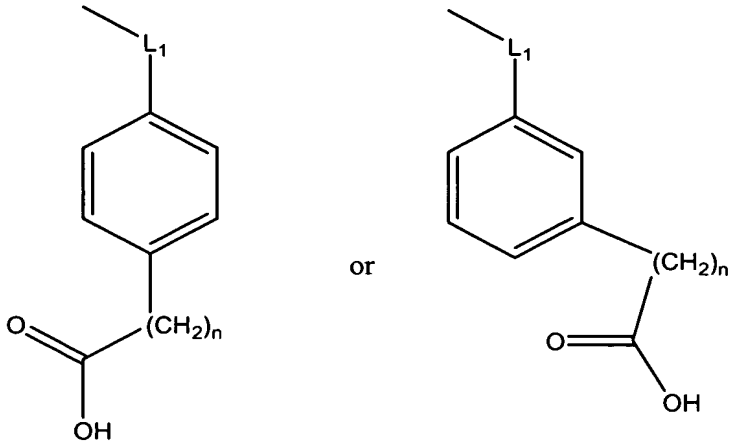
R_1 is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-HN(C_1-C_6)$, $-N(C_1-C_6)_2$, phenyl, $-N-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, or $-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl;

R_2 is selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$, -OH, , -CN, $-NO_2$, $-NH_2$, $-NH-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-N(C_1-C_6$ alkyl$)_2$, $-N-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, or $-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl;

R_3 is selected from H, $-C_1-$ ~~C_{10}~~ $\underline{C_6}$ alkyl, ~~$-(CH_2)-OH$,~~ $(CH_2)_nC(O)NH_2$, ~~$-CH_2-O-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), $-CH_2-O-CH_2-$phenyl, $-CH_2-N-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), $-CH_2-N-CH_2-$phenyl, the phenyl rings of which are optionally substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from H, halogen, $-CF_3$ or $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl~~;

~~n = 0 or 1.~~

R_5 is a moiety selected from the groups of:



wherein L^1 is a bridging or linking moiety selected from a chemical bond, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-C(O)-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-O-(CH_2)_{n'}-$,$-(CH_2)_{n'}-S-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-SO-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, $-(CH_2)_{n'}-SO_2-(CH_2)_{n'}-$, or $-(CH_2)_{n'}-CH=CH-(CH_2)_{n'}-O-$;

n' in each instance is independently selected as an integer from 0 to ~~5~~3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10 (Original): A compound of Claim 1 which is 4-{[(E)-4-(3-benzhydryl-5-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)-2-butenyl]oxy}benzoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11 (Original): A compound of Claim 1 which is 4-[2-(3-benzhydryl-5-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)ethoxy]benzoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12 (Original): A compound of Claim 1 which is 3-{4-[2-(3-benzhydryl-5-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)ethoxy]phenyl}propanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13 (Original): A compound of Claim 1 which is 3-(4-{[2-(3-benzhydryl-6-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)ethyl]sulfonyl}phenyl)propanoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14 (Original): A compound of Claim 1 which is 4-{[2-(3-benzhydryl-6-chloro-1H-indol-1-yl)ethyl]sulfonyl}benzoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15 (Original): A compound of Claim 1 which is 4-[2-(3-benzhydryl-2-methyl-1H-indol-1-yl)ethoxy]benzoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16 (Original): A method of inhibiting the phospholipase activity of an enzyme in a mammal in need thereof comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17 (Original): A method of treating or preventing an inflammatory response in a mammal in need thereof, the method comprising administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18 (Original): The method of Claim 17 wherein the inflammatory response is associated with inflammatory bowel disease.

19 (Original): The method of Claim 17 wherein the inflammatory response is associated with osteoarthritis, psoriatic arthritis or rheumatoid arthritis.

20 (Original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.